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RE: Patent Application 10/002,789

The following constitutes the letter faxed to Larry J. Guffey, Esquire, regarding patent application 10/002,789.

Please note the following:

Enclosure 1: Establishes the fact that Todd Schlesinger resigned from Advanced Surface Engineering, Inc. (ASE) and from Innovative Materials, Inc. (IMI) on 5/21/02.

Enclosure 2: Documents the assignment of patent application 10/002,789 from ASE to IMI on 5/22/02, the day following Todd Schlesinger's resignation from ASE and IMI.

Enclosures 3-5: Document that the assignment of application 10/002,789 to IMI was filed with the USPTO on 5/29/020, together with the substitute drawings.

Enclosure 6: The patent abstract of title indicates that the request for change was recorded on 6/01/02.

Under these circumstances, only Innovative Materials, Inc. can choose its correspondent. Therefore, I request that Walter Small be named Correspondent instead of Larry Guffey.

Todd Schlesinger is the inventor only; but Innovative Materials, Inc. is owner of patent application 10/002,789 and materials claimed therein.

Please update your records to reflect these changes.
Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,



Walter Small

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November 15, 2002

Larry J. Guffey, Esq.
World Trade Center, Suite 1800
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Dear Mr. Guffey:

Re: United States Patent Application 10/002,789

Notification has reached me from counsel that you have been retained to take over administration of United States Patent Application 10/002,789, filed 1/31/01.

Please be advised that Innovative Materials, Inc., a publicly owned company, is currently the rightful owner of patent application 10/002,789, and has neither desired your services to administer this patent filing nor authorized you to represent Innovative Materials, Inc. in administering the filing with the US Patent and Trademark Office.

Please also be advised that no other individual(s) or business entity other than Innovative Materials, Inc. can claim ownership of any materials covered in patent application 10/002,789, or attempt to conduct any business, legal or otherwise, involving this patent application by representing themselves as owner of materials comprising patent application 10/002,789.

At this time, Innovative Materials, Inc. has notified only the US Patent and Trademark Office of this possible misrepresentation. Further, we are confident that the USPTO's recorded assignment of this patent application from Advanced Surface Engineering, Inc. (ASE) to Innovative Materials, Inc. on 5/22/02, and the material claimed therein, plus other pertinent documentation,* will affirm Innovative Materials, Inc.'s legal ownership of the patent application.

It is my hope that you will respond accordingly to resolve this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Walter Small
President

*Enclosures: (6)
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FAXED5/21/02

May 21, 2002

Mr. Walter Small
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Re: Resignation from Being a Director and Officer of ASE, Inc. and Innovative Materials, Inc.

Dear Wally:

Please consider this letter as my letter of resignation from my positions as an executive officer and director of both ASE, Inc. and Innovative Materials, Inc. This resignation is effective immediately.

You have indicated that you are ceasing operations in ASE, Inc. and transferring its assets to its parent corporation, Innovative Materials, Inc. As you know, I have not been paid wages and other substantial monies owed me by ASE, Inc. Because of these actions, I do not see any reason to continue in any capacity with either ASE, Inc. and/or Innovative Materials, Inc.

Under cover of a separate letter that I am sending today, I am requesting payment of monies owed me for my wages, contract payments and reimbursable expenses that I have not been paid and that I have incurred while working for ASE, Inc. This letter is not meant to prejudice or compromise in any way my right to receive immediate payment of these amounts.

I am willing to continue with transition of ASE, Inc. and its assets to the parent company in your home in New York. Please let me know how I can assist.

With kindest regards, I remain
Very Truly Yours,

Todd Schlesinger

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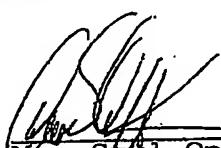
Sir:

Transmitted for filing in the above-referenced case are:

Informalities Letter, Petition for Extension of Time and
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Assignment from Advanced Surface Engineering to
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Respectfully submitted,


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